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der the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless if displays a valid OMB control number. 竹竹ON FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) Docket No. (Optional) VECT-P02-003 In re Application of Peter D. Harney Application Number Filed 09/220398 December 24, 1998 METHODS AND KITS FOR PREPARING MULTICOMPONENT For: NUCLEIC ACID CONSTRUCTS Group Art Unit 1656 Examiner J. Riley This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application. The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired): One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) \$ Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)) Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) 920.00 Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4)) \$ Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5)) Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$ 460.00 A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed. Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. 06/19/2002 HMARZI1 00000098 181945 09220398 The Commissioner has already been authorized to charge 1:217 460,00 CH in this application to a Deposit Account. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet. I am the applicant/inventor. assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96). attorney or agent of record. attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34(a). Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a) June 4, 2002 Date Matthew P. Vincent Typed or Printed Name NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below forms are submitted. I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 2023, on the date shown below.

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